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Sion ased me
a question in
a dream.
I do not remember
what the question was.
But I do remember that
it was something that
I found hard to answer.
Her question was
confusing to understand
and answer .....
It was a question I don't
even remember.....

But ... even so ...
I have to answer

Part 11
Walking down stairs of Heaven

I wanted to prove my existence with a fact that Isha's dream and mine are shared

If he exists, I do as well

But it was a wrongful wish to begin with
And now that I feel what I was doing was only trying to run away from myself...

And now I see that

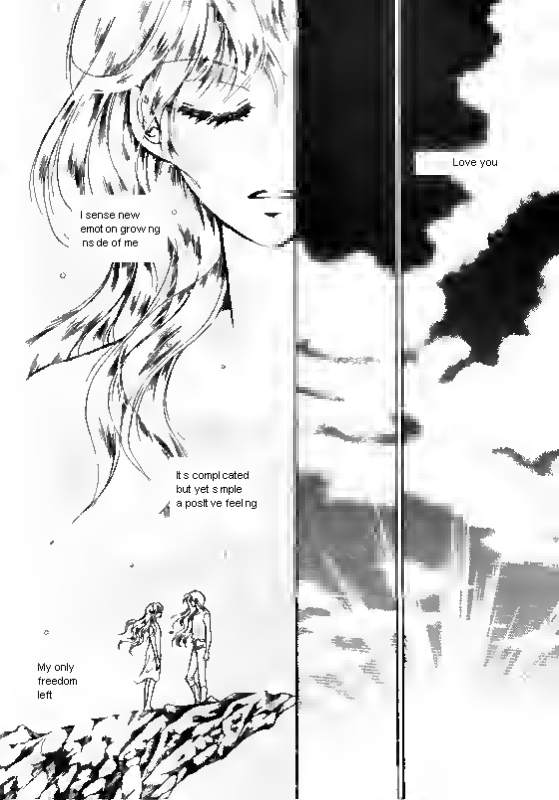
"I need something or someone to forget about myself.

Something that will make me forget...."

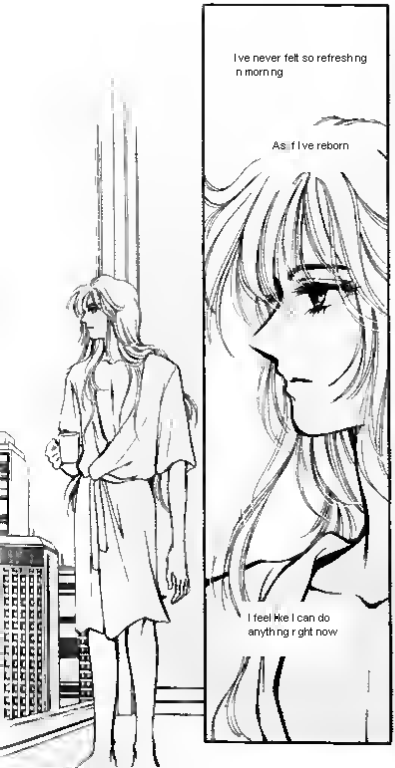
To Isha I was only a person to escape to

There's nothing for me left on Earth

And now


I sense new
emot on grow ng
ns de of me
It s compl cated
but yet s mple
a posit ve feel ng
My only
freedom
left
Love you

하아
후우


I've never felt so refreshing
n morning
As if I've reborn
Makes me amused
that a person can
change me this much
I feel like I can do
anything right now

Venus is nowhere to be found ?
No, we d d not ce that he had been go ng out often
After he left about a week ago he hasn't returned or was able to be traced
The woman you ment oned Una she s hav ng normal l fe
I don't th nk anyth ng bad happened
Well I could feel better f I can conf rm that he s not with some other women
Ok
Don't try to track h m anymore
Yes, ma am
He w ll come back when he needs someth ng
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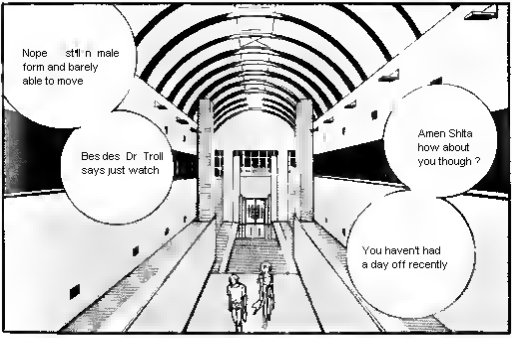
Kitty 101 is not up yet Marte ?


Nope still in male form and barely able to move
Besides Dr Troll says just watch
Amen Shita how about you though ?
You haven't had a day off recently

Its nothing
Its actually more fun

I was looking for a way to vent.
And it's a good way to vent
I feel like watching Kitty 101's early stage
Dr. Troll didn't give me any thing to do today
I am bored Anything fun I could do ?
Why not make a boyfriend ?
You should be popular among guys
Make one
And then play with it until he's broken ?

Just
Play alone
Well, I guess I could understand. Having a guy like Venus around you for so long would make any girl go blind
Even if you are not your powers are way above any ordinary people
That alone is enough to make you look down at people
But while you are like that, you will miss so many good people and your life won't be fun
That is why
I am going to conquer Venus

You get what you want by your own hands
Nothng s free
Old you who blushed after sayng you dreamt marryng Venus was cuter
I s mply learnt the reality
I am gong to get what I want regardless consequences
Even f what I get s only ashes
Marte you are no fun I am gong to go see Dr Troll
Where s he ?
B 2

M ssel
Perhaps, it's because of my mood ...
But seeing you like this
It makes me think that you are similar to her
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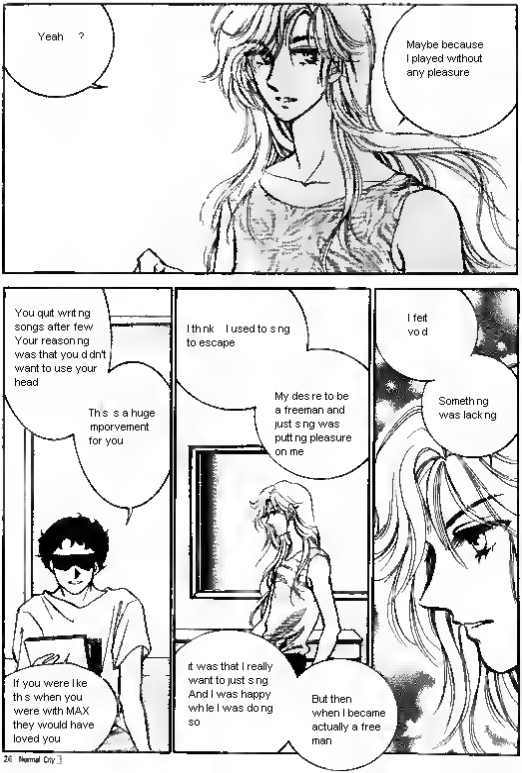
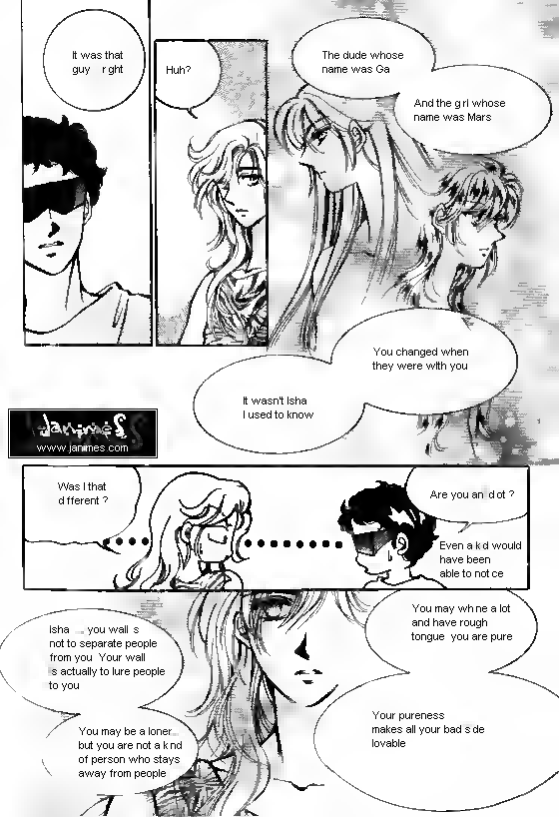
Kitty 101 is the one that's supposed to be similar to her...
But why... do I feel like your dead corpse is similar to her?
For what reason...
Yes..., it must be my mood...

I can clear see from the p ano play itself
Your mus c has gotten a lot softer
Did something happen to you ?


Yeah ?
Maybe because I played wthout any pleasure
You quit writ ng songs after few Your reason ng was that you d dn't want to use your head
Th s s a huge mporvement for you
If you were l ke th s when you were with MAX they would have loved you
I th nk I used to s ng to escape
My des re to be a freeman and just s ng was putt ng pleasure on me
t was that I really want to just s ng And I was happy wh le I was do ng so
But then when I became actually a free man
I felt vo d
Someth ng was lack ng


It was that guy r ght
Huh?
The dude whose name was Ga
And the g rl whose name was Mars
You changed when they were w th you
It wasn't Isha I used to know
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Was I that d fferent ?
Are you an d ot ?
Even a k d would have been able to not ce
You may wh ne a lot and have rough tongue you are pure
Isha s you wall s not to separate people from you Your wall s actually to lure people to you
You may be a loner but you are not a k nd of person who stays away from people
Your pureness makes all your bad s de lovable

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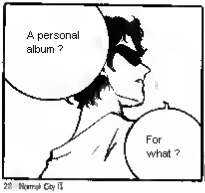
Just I just want to make a personal album
You know I don't do computers
So I want you to do computer sess ons for me
Since I can trust you



Bye bye
Charlie ~
... Who is it ?
Well it s
No..forget it !
If you tell me who
I m ght just go ahead
and kill the person
So, I better not know
Fine I w ll do
it for you
How about
fee ?
I don't have any
r ght now
When I get my
paycheck from
adm n strat on
... Just give me
a song among
the ones you
wrote

Well ... If you could title the song "For Charlie" it'd be better
I will listen to it alone
You really did like me?
You think I was kidding around?
Well considering I've been drawn as a comical character
and all my actions were weightless and comical
Well I am gonnna blame the author
You are the only one I have now...
Who's gonna seriously believe ?

I will write a song for you
Thanks
I guess it's not so bad seeing you like this
Actually I am glad
Whoever it's you are with..I hope it will work out well for you two
I do really mean it
Hmm..., I somehow got a feeling that I know who it might be ...
Anyway, I am really glad that you are getting better, Isha ...

I kind of envy whoever managed to bind you to the ground
Yes
You've gotten a lot better
Yes I can feel that
Anyway this male form is lasting really long
I am beginning to wonder
Anyway don't you eat anything father?

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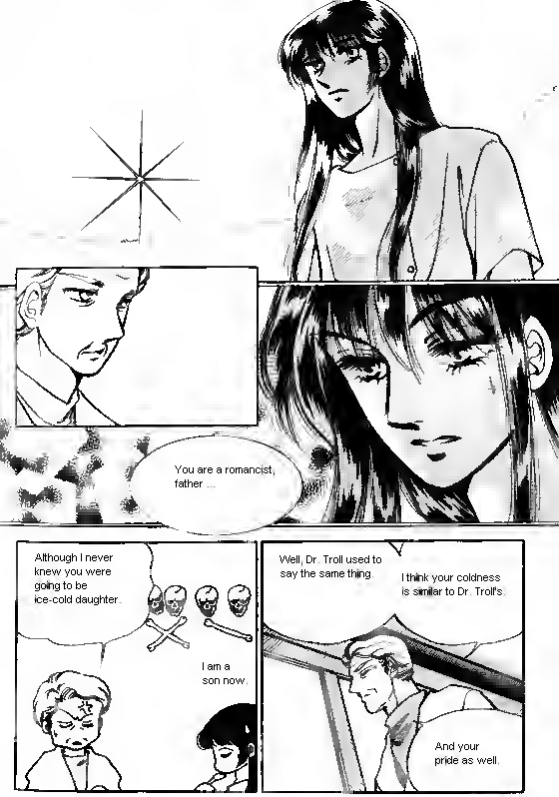
What I d d made you
th nk your male form
lasts only few days
I meant to tell you when
you were more mature
But it looks like that only
darkened your character

You looked extremely similar to a baby I had between Agasa and me
I realized that from the first time I saw you at the facility
You looked similar enough to have made me mistaken
All baby looks the same, father
, No, Mars
No ...
Parents can distinguish their child especially if they look harder
.....So, I was afraid of your future on Earth.
That's why I took you to Mars in order to escape from Dr. Trolf's influence.


You are a romancist, father ...
Although I never knew you were going to be ice-cold daughter.
I am a son now.
Well, Dr. Troll used to say the same thing.
I think your coldness is similar to Dr. Troll's.
And your pride as well.

Why did you have to compare me to ...
TRILL
TRILL
TRILL
TRILL
TRILL
When are you gong to meet Isha ?
When I return back to Mars
Still no words from Jean ?
She must be busy ....
Simply because she is busy ....?
Fash on

Mars explorer
Year 1996 December 4th
A remotely controlled machine on Mars ...

My childhood

it ended on Mars

Only memories

Son I used to
know s no longer here

Jean and I have changed
as well

has gone
away ...

somewhere
very far ...

Where I can't
see or look for ...

Only present exists

Son n present ...

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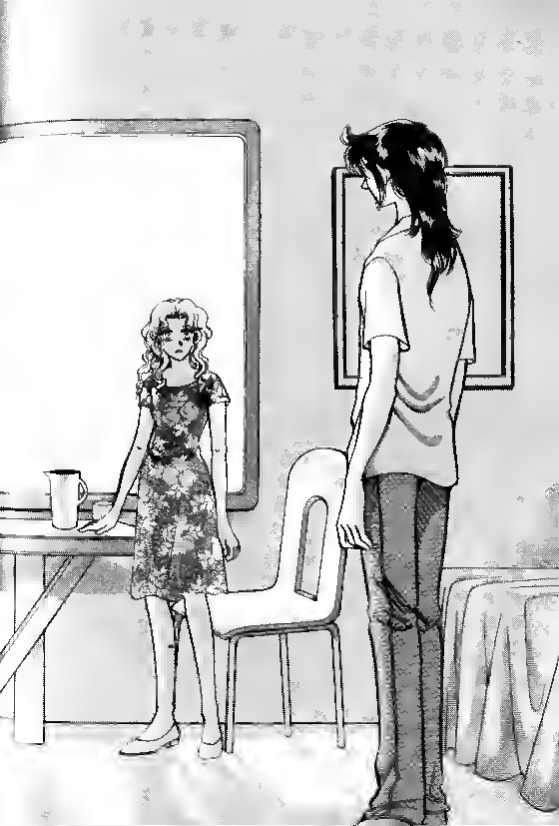
A clone is just a clone ...
Bye, Sion ...
Good bye

Loved you ...
Really did ...
Really . .
Really ...
I probably won't be able to get used to this memory ...
Forever ...

Son ?
What is it ?
If you can't sleep you should have gone to a med c
I have a favor to ask Mart e



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Talk ?
About Kitty 101
I just want to I sten
I was told that I was a frend of Kitty 101
And you were also
I just want you to tell me about the past
the clone sits exactly how S on used to sit

Were we close ?
Yes very
Why
If she s just a clone why would a clone be asking such quest ons ?
If we were... why d d Kitty 101 k ll me ?
She told me it was a m stake
I wasn't there to see
I was only told
Mars

Mars
She
She
You know her character
She s edgy and all
You knew d dn't you ?
It was because you cared too much of her
Yes

I d d ?
Yes you were an d ot too
Mars would have done r ght wthout any help but you cared too much wh ch only caused more troubles on her part
And you d dn't l sten to my adv ce either
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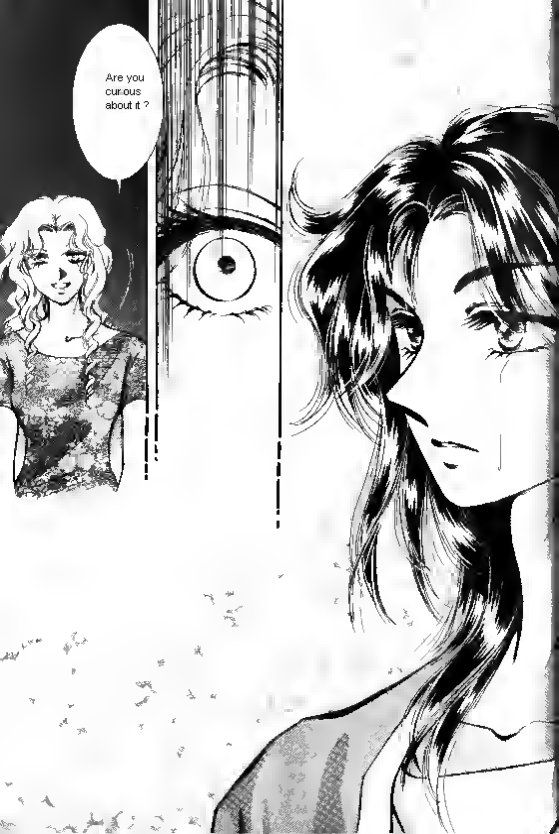
I guess t s poss ble for the clone to be able to speak Mke S on after all
Even though I wouldn't get proper react on
Mars must have been shocked
Of course t must have been an acc dent
She couldn't have killed you ntent onally

She would have rather be killed than kill you
That's true Sion
Why she couldn't do anything in front of you
If you were to kill her, she would have let you do it
Haha , you know, she has always been somewhat suicidal.
You d never l sten to me or you
Dld l lke her?
Sure d d
L ked enough to make me jealous
Mars l ked you too although she never got to realize how much unt l you were gone


Are you curious about it ?

Why ...
Why are you crying ...?
Crying ?
I don't know
I am just cry ng
But why ?
Well..thanks
Good bye

After talking to you
Uh ok
What ... is this ...
I th nk my anx ousness d ed off a bit
She's ... like ... she's like real Sion ...
See you

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When she finds out about Jean, she may rush to Trolfs..
She is weak enough already.
I think it is better to make her stay in her male form and recover fully.
Will Mars be able to provide enough firepower when the time comes ?

She w ll be able to
Our hope s that she gets r d of Dr Troll s top class espers
Not in her current condit on
But does she have anyth ng left to provide what we ask?
Accord ng to th s status report she s already

Even if I know nothing in this area, don't you think that I can't read and figure out by common sense.
Will she be able to ?
He found out ?
I don't ...
It's not certain yet. It requires more time.
Proceed as planned
Let her go back to Mars.
And I am going to let her know about Jean.

I guess th s has to be your l fe as long as you are al ve
Perhaps, there s no way to change or stop

Hey
d d you
see ?
The ad that has
been repeat ng
That
d amond
ad
No, the
model.
That model
in... the
holographic
ad ...
Diamond
Paradise
You are right -
It's the model
from the perfume
ad
The model

Jasmines
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Muhahahaha -
J & B COMPANY
J & B COMPANY
They are literally begging!
One golden fish is so much better than hundreds of copper fishes!
Venus! If you have any program you want to participate just tell me!
I am glad you changed your mind Venus
A guy like you shouldn't quit after just once!
You will be a big star!

I didn't intent to be a star
Don't be stupid
You have everything that a celebrity should have it is more weird that you aren't one
I needed to do something...
And I simply realized that this is one of few I could do.
In that sense, I won't be a star you are expecting. So, don't get your hope up.
I am too lazy to do anything else
Why are you saying that? Everyone wants to one
Venus don't you want to be on top ?
And it is possible for you.

I don't care what everyone wants. This is the only thing i could do.
I am useless otherwise.
All I can do s observe what others do and make others to take care of me
That s who I am
Th s guy

Confus ng guy _he s
Anyway I should avo d nterview deals
L ke you sa d you may not be a b g star
But people w ll see that s de of you as charm
Anyth ng you want?
A cup of Coffee ...
And a trip to Mars

Most of street ads have been replaced with Venus'
I think it was the guy with Mars before ...
There used to be my ad here and there None s there now
Maybe..I don't need to wear sunglasses now
This s the effect of time

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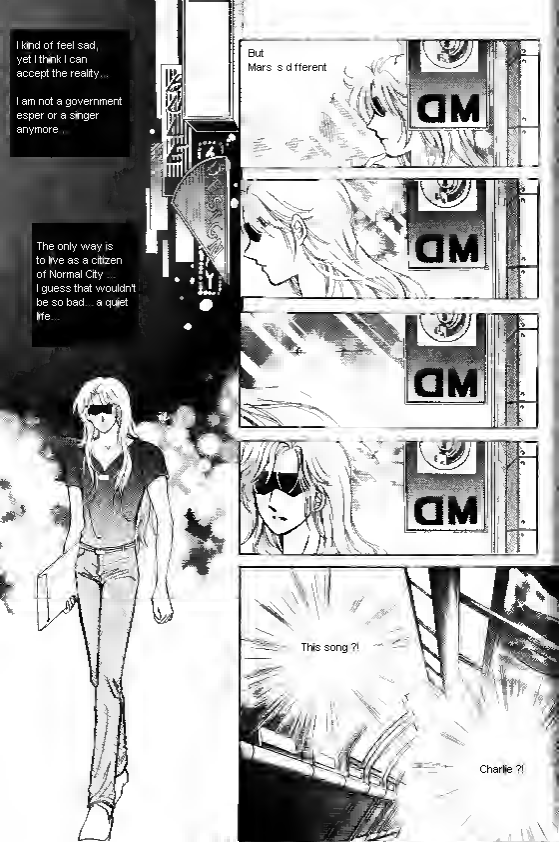
I kind of feel sad, yet I think I can accept the reality...
I am not a government esper or a singer anymore...
The only way is to live as a citizen of Normal City ... I guess that wouldn't be so bad... a quiet life...
But
Mars s d fferent
This song ?!
Charlie ?!

When will the album be released?
No date yet.
I called MAX. They said "No comment". But they did confirm that it is a song by Question Mark that is not published.
We are playing an illegal version of the song here.
Downloaded off the net.
The last half of song can't be played due to copyright protect on
Net ?
Charlie, what have you done ?
You know the contract between MAX and me.

Remmeber
Remember me
Remember me

Could you believe in me yet ... ?
Could you believe me and remember me ?

Do you remember me at all ?

Unpublished song by the vocal of Question Mars was found on net. Many net surfers and fans of Question Mars ...
MAX said that they have no plan to publish. They did say, however, that they are considering...

Remember
Remember me
Remember me
Isha ...

When I am
chang ng back
to Mars
it s very slow
Tomorrow,
I w ll be Mars
Could you bele ve in
me yet ?
Could you bel eve me
and remember me ?
Could you bel eve me
and remember me ?
Do you
remember me
at all ?
2 months
as Ga
Mars w ll
come to ex stence
who meets
all the condit on
to
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Mars
Really ?
is going to see me ?
Yes
It s Mars now She has returned to her female form
Follow me
Yes Yes
Calm down
Argh th s s not a dream
I know the truth now
I am lke meeting her for the f rst time now I feel so uneasy

you are not confronting a monster
Of course not
She s r ght over there
Yeah we used to f ght a lot It s not l ke It s gonna change
yep

Hello Isha
Ah.., Hello !
How are you ?
It s
It s too d fferent from the dream
I d dn't not ce but seeng her in reallty from such a close d stance
Does make me realize
she s a woman after all

Looks lke you haven't been do ng well
ah _ no_ no it s not lke that
Yeah after that dream
I've been do ng better than ever s nce the dream
I thought so I heard it from news
Ah
R r ght I had a song recorded for you I was go ng to g ve it to you when I see you but I d dn't because it was too sudden argh_ ah
Damn it
It s your song r ght ?
You are act ng we rd
It s all r ght You can g ve it to me later
I l stened to the song a bit it was n ce

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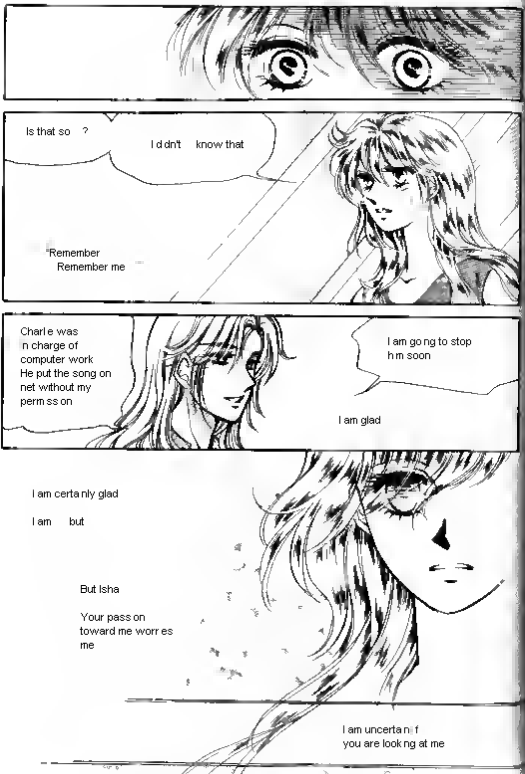
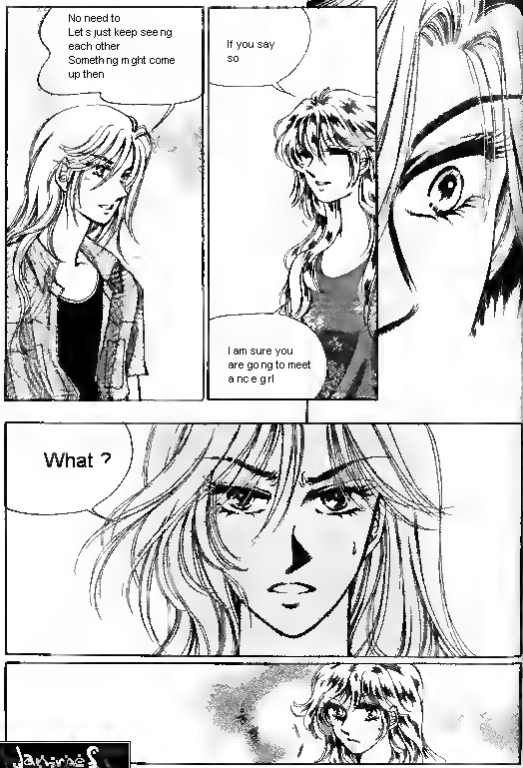
So you did
Was it ok ?
Yeah
It was good
I could easily figure out that you wrote it
They say it's getting good feedback
That's good then
I wrote the song especally for you
I have no plan to make any profit from it


Is that so ?
I d dn't know that
'Remember
Remember me
Charl e was
n charge of
computer work
He put the song on
net without my
perm ss on
I am go ng to stop
h m soon
I am glad
I am certa nly glad
I am but
But Isha
Your pass on
toward me worr es
me
I am uncerta n f
you are look ng at me

I am sorry that I didn't tell you before ..
And that I hid the fact that I recognized you from the beginning ...
N no it s ok You had your reasons
Bes des n the end everyth ng turned out ok So it s just f ne
Ok
I hope we get along better n the future

Yeah ~,
we will ~
Just ask me
f you need
a favor
I want to help
you
Yes you will
do mus c agan
And I will do my share
of work as a government
esper
Snce you've always
helped me as Mars
and as Ga
I hope we will continue
to meet each other



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You
You
So.....
Are you saying you don't like me ?
That s not what I meant
Ah did I br ng up too soon ?
Then what is it ?
I don't care that you have no gender and have my DNA !

I ... I
want you
to be ...
So, it was
just me ?
I can't
beleive ...
Damn it
If you want me
to be your grlfr end..
sure
What kind of answer
s that ?
I am ser ous here
And I was ser ous n
the dream too
You insuted me
Say what?
"If you want me
to be?
What s it you want?

I
I've always
been a liar
I speak as if
I don't want
when I do want
I want you to be
Your tone
doesn't say
so
Sorry
I am leaving

How could I express
Isha ... I don't know how to express well
I just want you to be happy
That s what I want
But even f I tell you that now you w ll only be more angry
I cannot p cture myself be ng in there
In your p cture of happ ness
I shouldn't be n there
Just because we share dreams ...
Your happ ness does not nclude me Isha
You may th nk t s love for now
but t s only a fantasy
A fantasy l ke a dream
You w ll real ze that one day

And when that moment comes, it will be beginning of hell for me.
It's better to leave it as a fantasy ...
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Of course, I d dn't expect th ngs to go just as I hoped
But what was that it was as f she d dn't count the amount of t me we spent together n dreams
She made it sound like it was noth ng
So it s s mply that she doesn't like me ?
Why d d she just say so d rectly then
If you want me to be what was that for
it makes me just more angry
Is it because I ve been see ng her as Ga n dreams ? That s why she doesn't have spec al feel ngs for me?
Well that does make sense but

Or d d she th nk that because I know now that Ga and Mars are the same person I am say ng I like her ?
Of course I do prefer g rls rather than boys
Ths s a we rd feel ng
F rst t me he has ever been rejected not that he had someone n mnd before
I hope you w ll meet a n ce g rl
Perhaps it m ght have been better to be rejected by Ga
Sure thanks

Damn it
I am see ng Mars as
an opposite gender
That doesn't
work
There is no
need for a second
thought
Even if I meet
Gai now
I don't th nk

Mars will only be
Mars

The young man hasn't come here past 2 days
Probably because he now knows that I am fine
We saw each other's face That's enough
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But I kind of m ss h m because I ve been see ng h m everyday Haha
I used to talk h m unt l you dec ded to see h m
How d d the conversat on go ?
I guess so You w ll have ESP test tomorrow
It was ok Anyway I am heal ng much faster n female form
I guess th s form sults me
I am f ne
Mars don't use ESP unless you have to
Your health s not as good as before now

Yeah ?
I feel rather f ne though
Your ins de s not
You know that esper s l fespan s shorter than an ord nary person
You need to keep your health n good condit on
I guess so
Even so.. I do feel f ne
We rd feel ng from my gut
I am do ng f ne for someone who was once dead
Don't worry I won't do anyth n that w ll hurt my health

I have no intention to run away, either
There s noth ng more I need to know and want to know
I used to think of su c de a lot
I don't even want to th nk about it anymore
I was ready to d e at any moment
As expected from a person who crossed the l ne between l fe and death you've become post ve about l fe
Good for you
People change dramatically after big ordeal
I guess so
R ght now
I am more

More nto
leadng my l fe
to its full
potent al

L ve on
and

Observe
Isha

And observe
th s world more
qu etly

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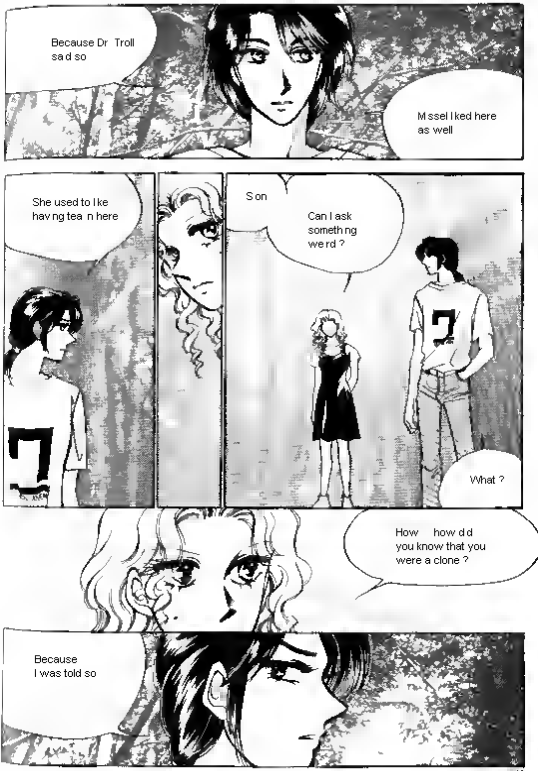
Jean still doesn't want to contact me ?
There will be a mission for you soon
You will see her by then
A mission ?
You are acting strange father

Wow th s place s amazing
It s hard to bel eve such a place ex sts n a m ddle of a h gh tech c ty
I wanted to come here
I see there are many entrances
Hm I don't feel l ke a hostage
Why are they g v ng me such freedom ?


Because Dr Troll sa d so
M ssel l ked here as well
She used to l ke hav ng tea n here
S on
Can l ask someth ng we rd ?
What ?
How how d d you know that you were a clone ?
Because I was told so

Do you remember anything when you woke up for the first time ?
I saw Missel That's my first memory
And then I was told about Kitty 101 and you later on
Why are you asking that ?
I have to kill Kitty 101
I have to
Sion ?

I will let you kill me Just give me some more time
Again
Every time I recall Kitty 101, I am feel extremely anxious
The moment the face the words it makes only worse
Why ?!
Are you really being honest with me ?! Did Kitty 101 really do nothing bad to me in my former life ?!
Kitty 101 must have done something awful to me before it doesn't make sense otherwise
Why do I have to feel like this ? Why !

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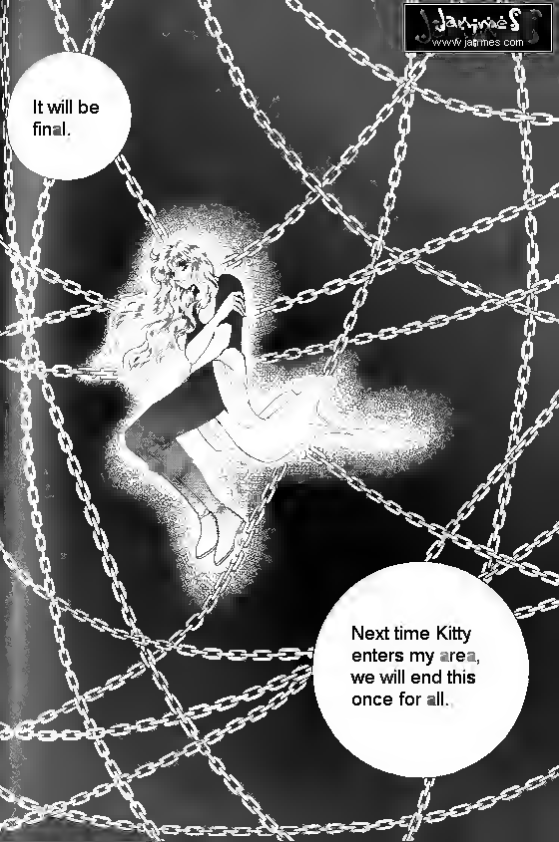
Call Kitty now
That s
impossible
I can't here
L ar
I know
I know you
two can
connect
I know you
can meet her
n a dream !
You can
connect to
her!
Call her now !

Sion, stop !
Calm down !
Dream ? Yes
she does have such
an ability And Sion
could be told of that
No no
it wasn't like
that
She spoke as
if she has known
it for a long time
What -
Is that
really a
clone ?!
What are
they hiding
here ?!
They are
hiding
something !
Is she really
Sion's clone ?!

What is going on !!
It looks like she has figured out
Yes
So it's possible to activate memories somewhere in a brain?
She didn't regain her memories, but she's unintentionally sending signals.
Interesting creature, humans are ...
It's more like her former memories are being pushed to outside whenever she's on edge.

After Kitty 101 s fake death Son s symtons has gotten worse
To S on... Kitty 101 must have meant a great deal
You sa d Kitty 101 has returned to its female form ?
Yes
Then Kane w ll soon send it to here
He has been closely observ ng our act ons He w ll do someth ng about Amen Shita
Whether it comes to rescue Jean or to kill Amen Shita...it w ll come either way
When such t me comes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It will be final.
Next time Kitty enters my area, we will end this once for all.

No way
No way I am sure
That s what I d like to
think so
But quest ons
n my head
If just f
that clone
s really
S on

If Son s really al ve
I should be happy
But I can't help to feel
more anx ous
Son s determ ned
to kill Mars
Sooner or later
Mars w ll come here
to rescue me
And f that s real
Son
And f Mars and Son
get to f ght aga n ?
What am I supposed
to do when it happens?

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Mars
Sorry
It wasn't easy to enter
Unlike the old days
I was cur ous So I entered your dream
How are you?
—?!
So. she doesn't know that I am be ng held a hostage by Dr Troll
I am f ne

You must not be feel ng well Your dream s dark The forest looks n ce though
D d someth ng unpleasant happen to you recently ?
I can't tell her
I was cur ous about you s nce I d dn't see you after Dr Trolls
If you are offended by me enter ng your dream I w ll leave now
What to say next What am I supposed to
You are f ne r ght ?

Yeah, well ....
You don't know .... ?
Do you not know where I am right now .... ?
Ah -
Yes, I do.
You ....., where are you r ght now ?
You are not on the sland are you ?

L., leave
Leave my dream, Mars I am confused right now
Why can't you say ?!
Just tell me where you are
Leave !

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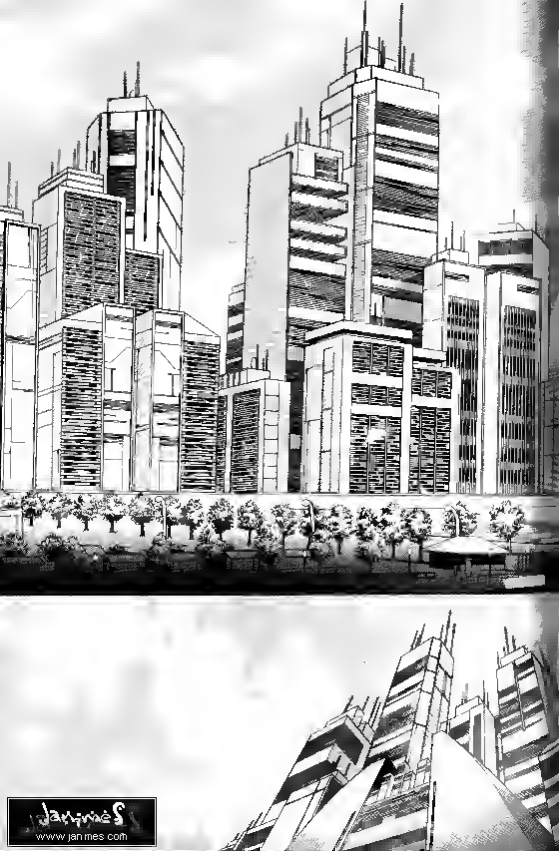
What ?
In Dr Troll s ?
And ...
And ...
Say what ?!

Sion is what ...?!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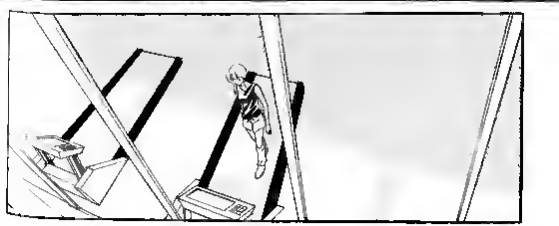

You are working out pretty hard
Don't overwork
You look a little pale Are you alright?
Yes..I am fine
It's just that I had a rather bad dream last night
Let's not jump to conclusion
Even if I do I can't even move well anyway
Ahah okay

I get it
Is it because the young man hasn't come by lately ?
헤헝
It has nothing to do with him
He s probably not coming because he has something to do
Oh really ?
Yes ... I am leaving
Yes ... it has nothing to do with him for now
For now
I guess this is it ...
It's been a week ...

Son

It s real
Son

That was what
Jean was th nk ng

Not a clone but Son

I've never thought
that way...

How can I confirm...?

The only way s
to go to Dr Troll

I do want to go
there r ght now

The one I faught
was real Son

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Son s alve

She s alve

Even if it s
wrongfully,
she s alve

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F ne I am go ng to take all the money earned from the song
Shut up
It was you who put it on net without my perm ss on
So you are ndeed poor
D d that upset you so much ?
You avo ded any contacts from me
It s not you

it s just that I am t red of everyth ng now
I don't feel l ke meet ng people either
If you th nk you can sell the album
Do it
I don't care
The album has lost its purpose anyway

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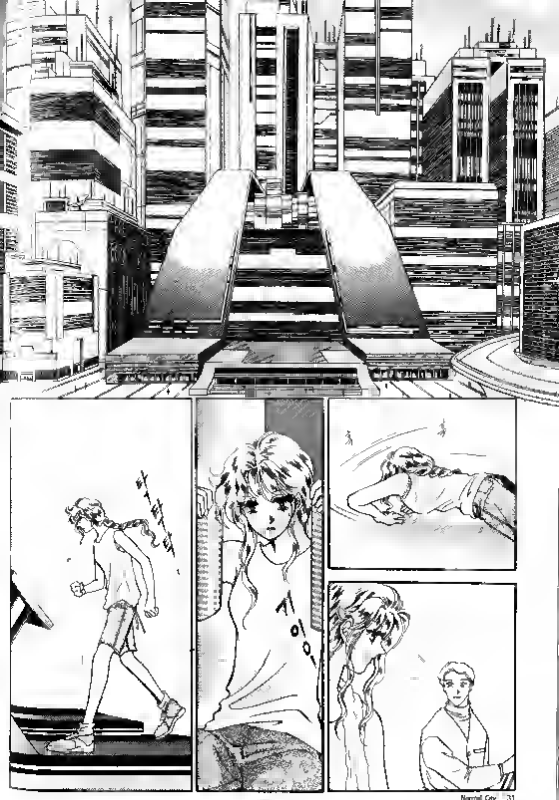
Remember ...
Remember me ...
Remember me ...
Could you believe in me yet ...?
Could you believe me and remember me ?
Do you remember me at all ...?

Do you remember me at all ?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Insomnia ?
Is it mental ?
Do you get
headaches ?
Do you need
sleeping pills ?
No I don't
need drugs
But
Give me some
I will take it
when I feel
I should

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I am surpr sed at my self
I am half glad that S on s al ve
And the other half tells me I need to conf rm the fact
And I am try ng to work out n order to restore my health as well as powers
And
and
It's been 4 weeks ....
And I am counting days ....

4 weeks ...

It s been 4 weeks s nce Isha s last v sit

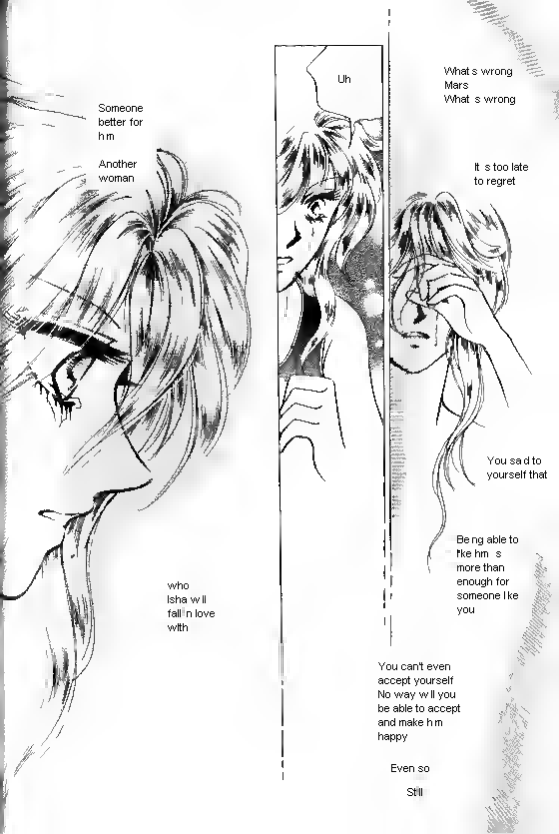
I th nk that s n my head stronger than Son s ssue

What are you do ng Mars

Th s s not the t me for such thoughts

There s Son s ssue ahead

You sa d to yourself
that you are sat sf ed
for s mply be ng able
to l ke h m
Isha took
every word
of m ne
d rectly
You bel eved that
he w ll f nd a g rl
who s really for
h m
Not someone
l ke me who
have no genders
and a bloody
murderer


Someone better for him
Another woman
who Isha will fall in love with
Uh
You can't even accept yourself No way will you be able to accept and make him happy
Even so
Still
What's wrong Mars What's wrong
It's too late to regret
You said to yourself that
Being able to like him is more than enough for someone like you

Could it be that
just observ ng s
not love at all ?

I ke h m

I w sh h m
happ ness

But I haven't done
anyth ng to h m

That was the way of
how my l fe has been

But last 4 weeks has
been

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I feel that I am
f lled w h
greed

I don't know

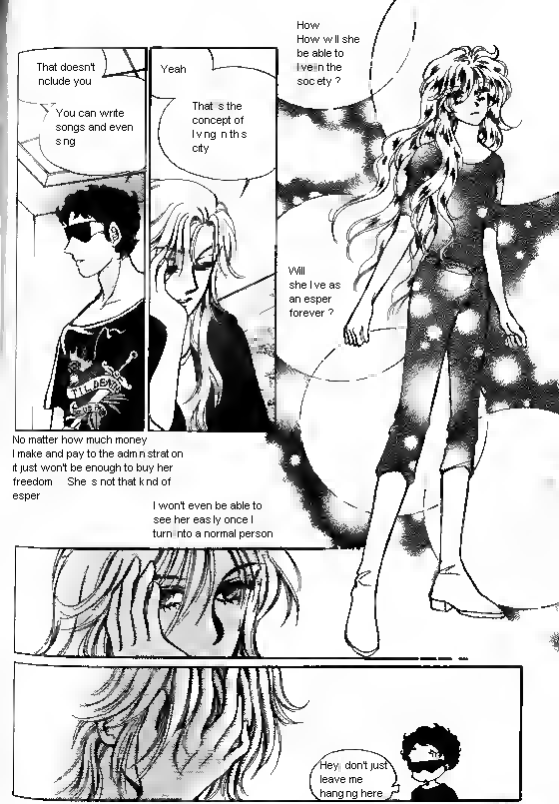
I don't know
I don't know
How could I
respond to such
feel ngs?

What s r ght th ng
to do ?

sha
Isha !
Huh?

Don't
huh!
me
What d d you
say ?
I was th nk ng
someth ng
Do you real ze
th s s about
your work ?
Anyway
they do agree
that we should
publ sh the
album
Well if he says no
what they say won't
matter anyway
But I don't th nk
he would let go of
a b g money maker
l ke th s
I don't care
The only problem
s the pres dent
of MAX He hasn't
g ven a yes yet
But they say it s
only a matter of
t me
But we won't
get to see h m
today

I had an ESP test a while ago
My powers have decreased a lot
I heard that as espers age, their powers are weakened and eventually gone But this is a little too fast I am only 21
At this rate I will really be a freeman much sooner than expected
21
it's been 2 years since I met Mars in reality
So much time have passed
She's 18 now
Is that why she looked much more feminine last time ?
That's good then You will no longer have ESP tag with me anymore
Yeah
but when I was hoping for that, I didn't know things would go like this
Ex espers in the society have very few choices in jobs They usually do chores for others to make a living
Because that is only thing that they were taught and ordered to do


That doesn't nclude you
You can wrte songs and even s ng
Yeah
That s the concept of l v ng n th s cty
How
How w ll she be able to l ve in the soc ety ?
Will she l ve as an esper forever ?
No matter how much money I make and pay to the adm n strat on it just won't be enough to buy her freedom She s not that k nd of esper
I won't even be able to see her eas ly once I turn nto a normal person
Hey don't just leave me hang ng here

Look at me.
Every thought is connected to her in the end.
Isha ?
Charlie ...
I do want to live like a normal person
I sincerely do ...
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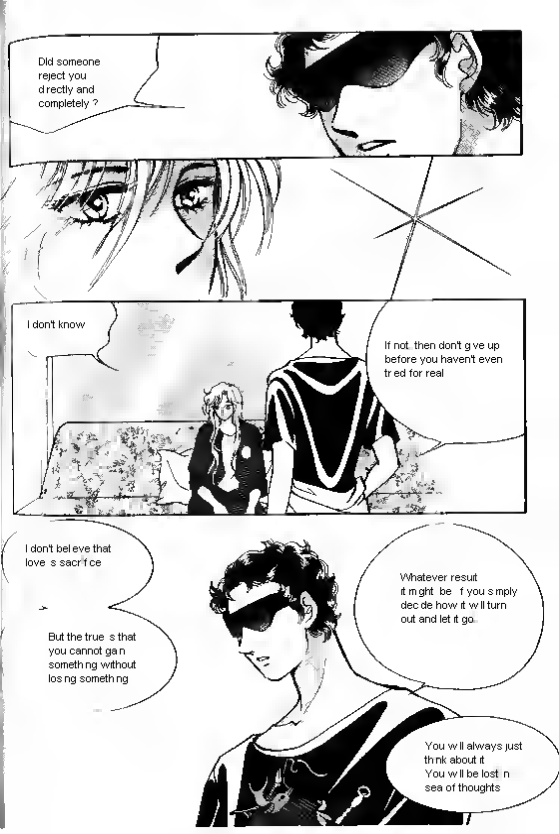
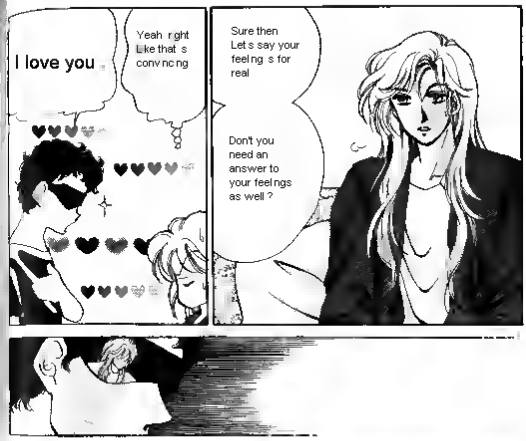
Th nk Ike normal people
And be worr ed of
what normal people are
worr ed
F nd someone you Ike
Someone
The someone
it 's already dec ded
who someone s
But situat on in reality
s not look ng good
Feel love and
eventually make
a fam ly
Make a plan
for future as
well as fam ly
plan
What to do ?
Spend
me as f
it s bor ng
And wth
someone

Then concentrate on someone
But the someone s
So
Whether it s someone or someone if you want someone go for it Try for the best Make it happen
What f someone has no ntent on ?


Did someone reject you directly and completely ?
I don't know
If not, then don't give up before you haven't even tried for real
I don't believe that love is sacrifice
But the true is that you cannot gain something without losing something
Whatever result it might be if you simply decide how it will turn out and let it go.
You will always just think about it You will be lost in sea of thoughts

If just thinking
is enough for you
and mean something,
I guess that is all right.
But if it is not,
Go for it
Make it
happen
Have you
been to a lot of
relat onsh ps ?
What have
you been
l sten ng ?



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I am not fool enough to lose a good fr endsh p and a good person
—?!
Let s go eat someth ng I am hungry
Sure
Charl e

It s just that
th s s the f rst t me
I felt that you ve been
s ncere

And that
you are a n ce
guy and a fr end

Venus -
We have to hurry if we are going to be on time
Postpone it
I have to do this first
You can meet later
The person is not capable of waiting

....uh ?
Ahah ...

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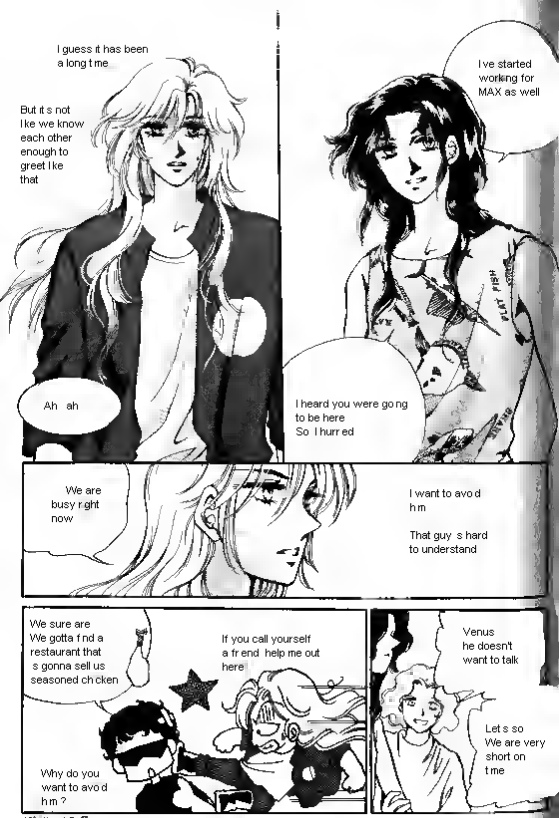
I guess it has been a long time
But it s not like we know each other enough to greet like that
Ah ah
I've started working for MAX as well
I heard you were going to be here So I hurried
We are busy right now
I want to avoid him
That guy s hard to understand
We sure are We gotta find a restaurant that s gonna sell us seasoned chicken
If you call yourself a friend help me out here
Why do you want to avoid him ?
Venus he doesn't want to talk
Let s so We are very short on time

It s about Mars

What more do you need to say about Mars ?
I know pretty much everything about Mars.
Hmm... it would seem so.
Do you know she is a produced esper by Dr. Troll?
Do you know that we are b log cal partners?

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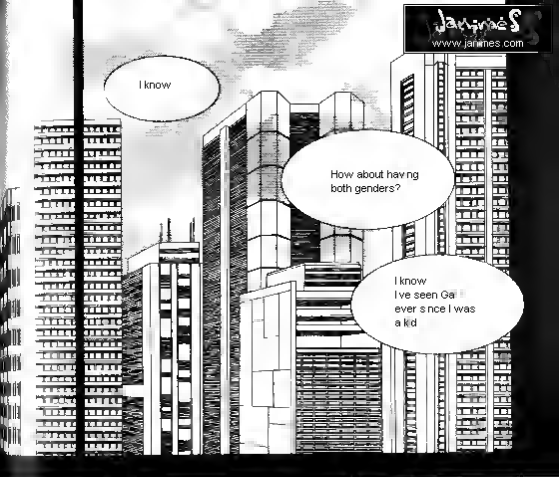
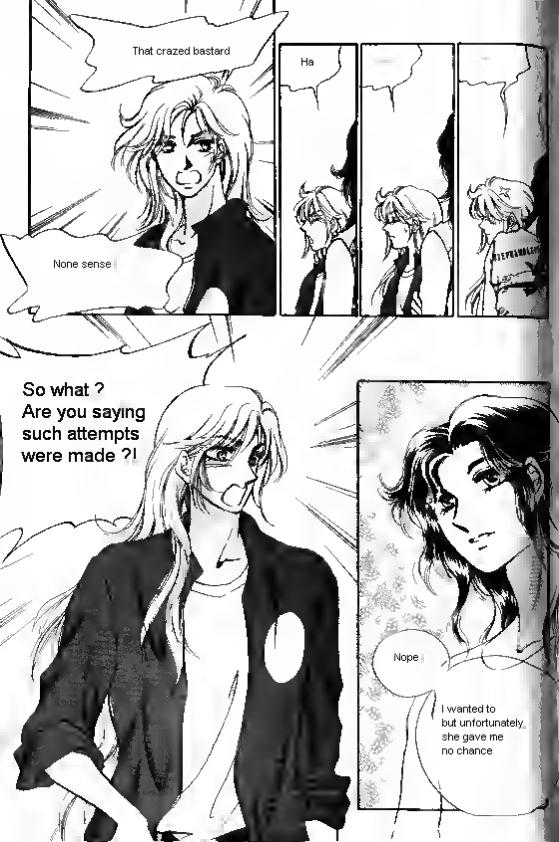
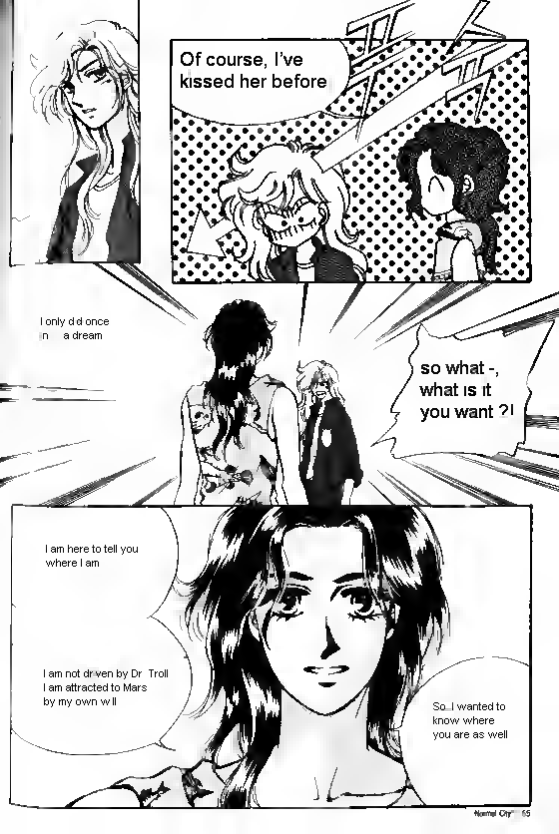



That crazed bastard
None sense
Ha
So what ?
Are you saying
such attempts
were made ?!
Nope
I wanted to
but unfortunately,
she gave me
no chance


Of course, I've kissed her before
I only did once in a dream
so what -, what is it you want ?!
I am here to tell you where I am
I am not driven by Dr Troll I am attracted to Mars by my own will
So..I wanted to know where you are as well

It s none of your bus ness
Well to my eyes you are br ght and pure
Though you are s mple and rough you are charm ng as well You make me feel l ke I am look ng at br ght blue sky
Certa nly your aura s what Mars exactly needs
But I am quite sure that you w ll be confused and get lost whenever Mars k nd of rejects you
You won't be able to penetrate Mars wall and turn around
Reason be ng s that you are a s mple guy
And Mars s a compl cated woman

In another word she is not for you
Both of you will only end up hurting each other
So, if you don't feel confident
Leave.
To be exact, get out of her life.
That is better for you and her.

What proof do you have?
How long have we been known each other ? It s not even 10 m nutes
I have no reason to l sten to whatever crap you burst out
Although I hate to admit th s,
Mars does ke you
She makes everyth ng compl cated Your ex stence alone w ll cause enough compl cat on
That s why I am say ng she s not for you And you are not for her
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So,
At least better than you
I don't care whether you call th s love or obsess on
I want to possess her
Are you saying you are better for her ?
And most importantly, I want her.
I am more surprised that I have such intention.
I don't care whether she doesn't want me or not.
I just want her.

Thanks for letting me know that
Well I am just stating the obvious
If it's obvious then I can do it
That was what held me back anyway
I wasn't sure whether she liked me or not That clears up a lot for me
Do you really think so ?

I have mnd
read ng ab lity
But hers was
compl cated
He too ?
Isha
it only works
occas onally
But I don't lke
to use it
anyway
I don't even
need to use
my powers
Your feel ngs
are so d rect
and obv ous
on surface
Whether n dreams
or n reality
What ?
Athough people
say love s for
understand ng
both don't you
th nk that love has
always been
one s ded ssue ?

When I like someone
it s only my feeling
When Mars likes
someone,
it s only her feeling
Although when a couple
likes each other it may
look perfect and all
Do you understand
the fact that it just
happens to be ?
No matter how they
put it it doesn't change
the fact that a couple
s consisted with two
obviously different
individuals

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While I am not sure of what kind of love you have toward Mars
What the hell
You will have a lot of ordeal to pass
And your love won't help you get through
It is Mars who has to make chanegs

She is not in condition...
to accept love.
She is standing
alone.
She is trying to
bear everything
alone and stand
alone.
She won't be able
to love anyone
until she changes.

What the hell
She won't be able to love anyone until she changes
Was he try ng to get r d of me or help me ?
Possess Mars
Have Mars
Love Mars
All he sa d was self sh th ngs

But ...
I get a feeling
that what he said
wasn't wrong ...
How s it ?
Any chances?
No
it is progress ng
as expected

At th s rate how much t me does she have unt l she not ces phys cal changes?
Approx mately between 2 or 3 years roughtly
Unless someth ng speeds up
L ke ESP ?
Most l kely
The DNA itself s unstable but that w ll be a major factor
Stll that won't effect her l fespan w ll it ?
can't say for sure But yes for now
Unless
Anyway it s too bad that Mars Heavens DNA won't be cloned Her DNA is too valuable not to clone

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I am exhausted from exerc se
If I keep goong on Ike th s I w ll hurt myself rater than heal ng
I have to go
Have to conf rm S on n Trol s
I don't feel Ike dong anyth ng
I am actually worr ed about how I am feel ng
But I don't feel Ike to

I just . . want to spend meaningless days until the world ends ...
Image of Isha comes to my m nd
But ... I soon realize that ....
I am . . .
I am .
I don't want to th nk
I don't want to judge
I don't want to worry
And then

I am runn ng
away

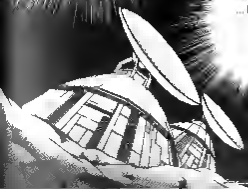
Runn ng away
from myself

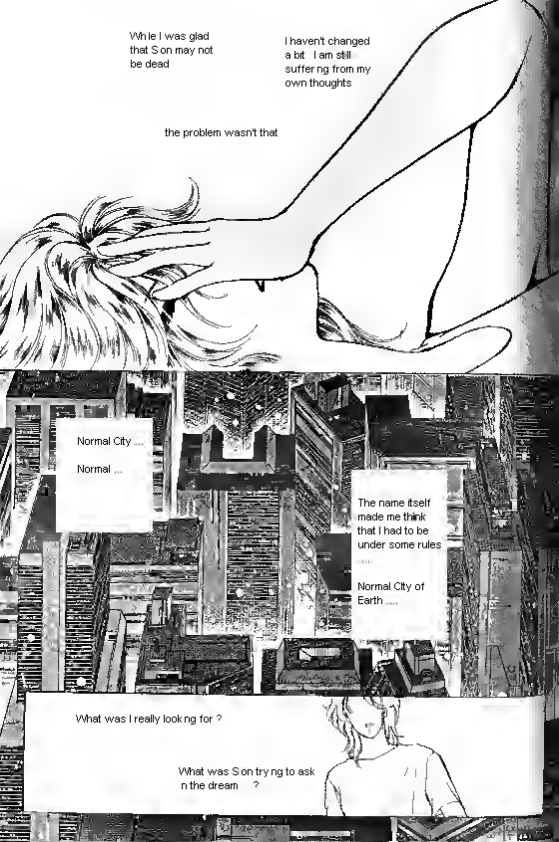
What have I done ?
And what am I doing ?

Have I changed
ever since I came to
Earth ?

Yes,
I once tried to think
negatively and try
to live miserably due
to guilt.

Sion was killed
... by me.




Wh le I was glad that S on may not be dead
I haven't changed a bt I am still suffer ng from my own thoughts
the problem wasn't that
Normal City ....
Normal ...
The name itself made me think that I had to be under some rules .....
Normal City of Earth .....
What was I really look ng for ?
What was S on try ng to ask n the dream ?

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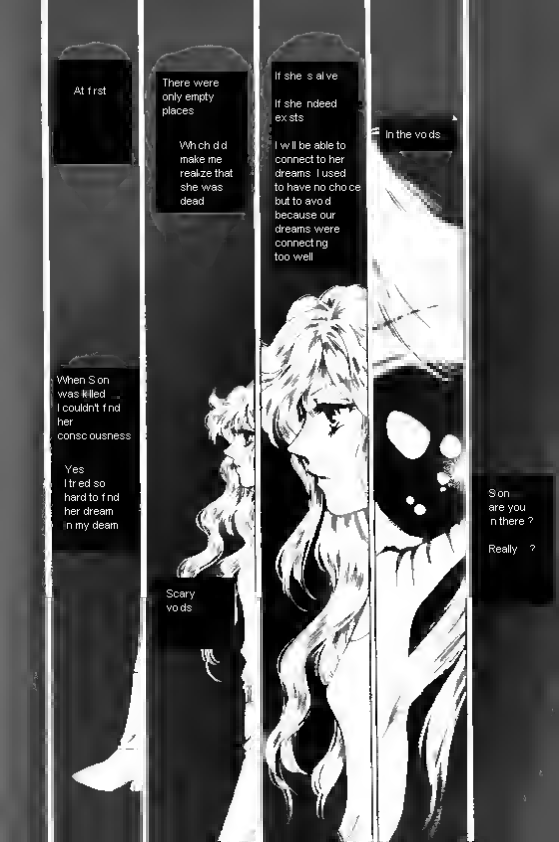
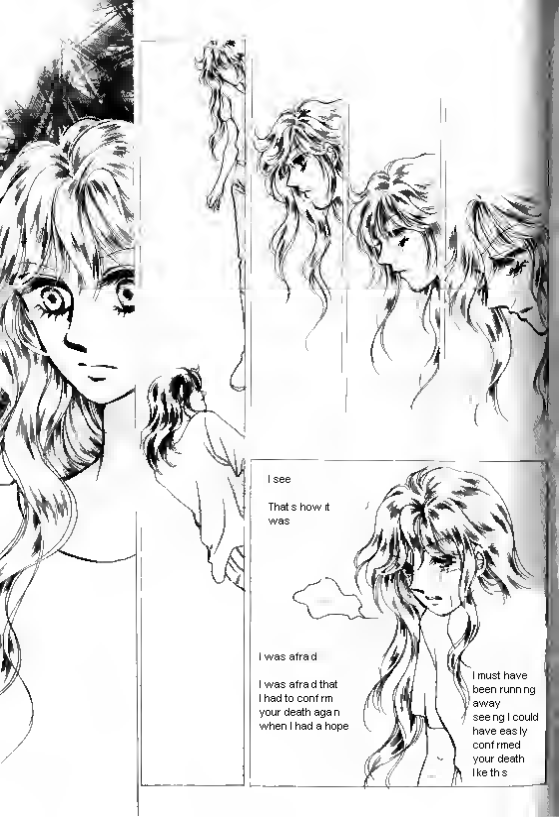
..... Yes..., there are steps ....
Whehter you go up or down ....
One by one


At first
There were only empty places
Which did make me realize that she was dead
If she is alive
If she indeed exists
I will be able to connect to her dreams. I used to have no choice but to avoid because our dreams were connecting too well
In the voids
When Son was killed I couldn't find her consciousness
Yes I tried so hard to find her dream in my dream
Scary voids
Son are you in there?
Really?


I see
That s how it was
I was afra d
I was afra d that I had to conf rm your death aga n when I had a hope
I must have been runn ng away see ng I could have eas ly conf rmed your death lke th s

I must have
been runn ng away
S'on

L-ke I do to other
problems

L ke always

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